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I-I HAD NO CHOICE.

IT'S OKAY. JEDI DO THAT.

RIGHT?

GRAWRR!

POE AND CHEWIE HEAD FOR THE FALCON...

... BUT REY DOES NOT FOLLOW.

REY, LET'S GO.

NO. YOU CAN'T GO WHERE I'M GOING.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS WAS THE PLAN.

THE RESIS-TANCE NEEDS YOU.

FINN AND ROSE NEED YOU.

YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE.

I'M NOT LEAVING YOU.

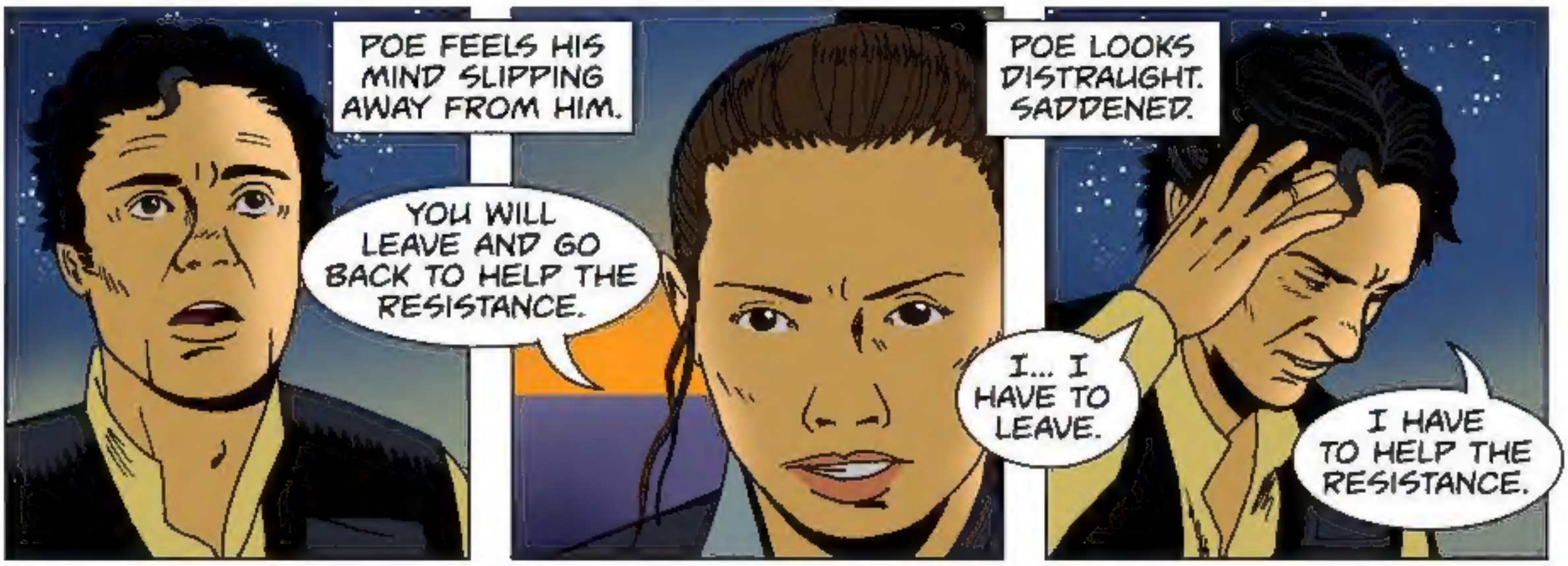
REY KNOWS WHAT SHE HAS TO DO.

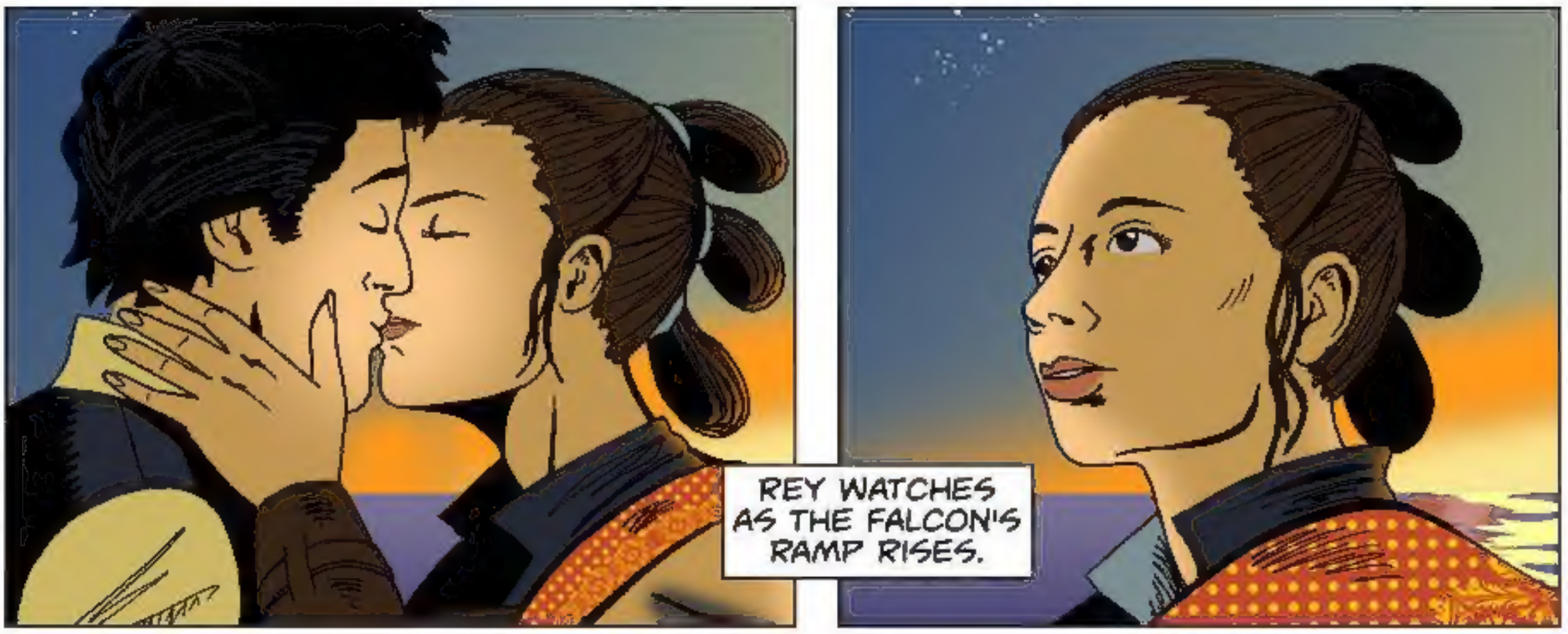
HATES IT.

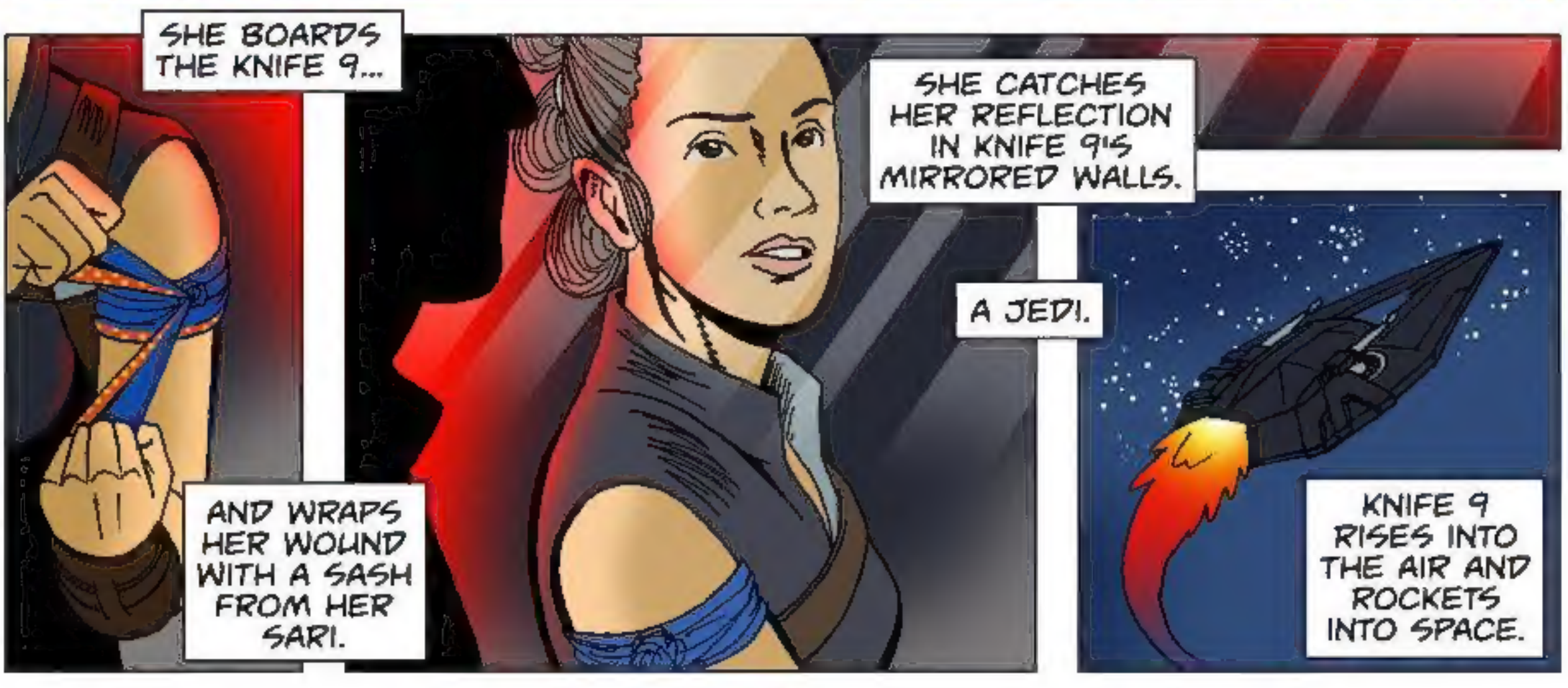
YOU WILL LEAVE AND GO BACK TO HELP THE RESIS-TANCE.

I'M NOT...

DON'T DO THIS...


POE FEELS HIS MIND SLIPPING AWAY FROM HIM.
YOU WILL LEAVE AND GO BACK TO HELP THE RESISTANCE.
POE LOOKS DISTRAUGHT. SADDENED.
I... I HAVE TO LEAVE.
I HAVE TO HELP THE RESISTANCE.


REY WATCHES AS THE FALCON'S RAMP RISES.


SHE BOARDS THE KNIFE 9...
AND WRAPS HER WOUND WITH A SASH FROM HER SARI.
SHE CATCHES HER REFLECTION IN KNIFE 9'S MIRRORED WALLS.
A JEDI.
KNIFE 9 RISES INTO THE AIR AND ROCKETS INTO SPACE.

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AS KYLO'S TIE SILENCER LEAVES REMNICORE, A HOLOCOM TRANSMISSION FROM HUX APPEARS.

SUPREME LEADER, THE RESISTANCE ATTEMPTED TO OVERRIDE THE COMMUNICATION BLOCKADE.

DO YOU REALLY NOT KNOW WHO STOPPED IT?

HUX'S FACE BETRAYS HIM. HE DIDN'T KNOW.

SUCH TREACHERY CANNOT STAND. WE MUST RESPOND SWIFTLY.

OUR EMPIRE IS STRONG. SHOW THEM.

YOUR ABSENCE EMBOLDENS THEM. IF YOU'VE ACQUIRED THE POWER YOU SEEK, SHOW IT.

SNOKE WAS RIGHT ABOUT YOU, HUX. WITHOUT FAITH, YOU SERVE ONLY YOURSELF.

HYPERSPACE

GENERAL, WE'RE APPROACHING THE RENDEZVOUS POINT.

CONNIX, PREPARE AN IMPERIAL SHUTTLE. I'LL NEED A VALID CODE CLEARANCE.

YES, GENERAL.

CONNIX EXITS AS LUKE'S FORCE GHOST APPEARS.

HE'S IN PAIN.

I FEEL IT, TOO.

HE'LL SOON BE MORE POWERFUL THAN OUR FATHER.

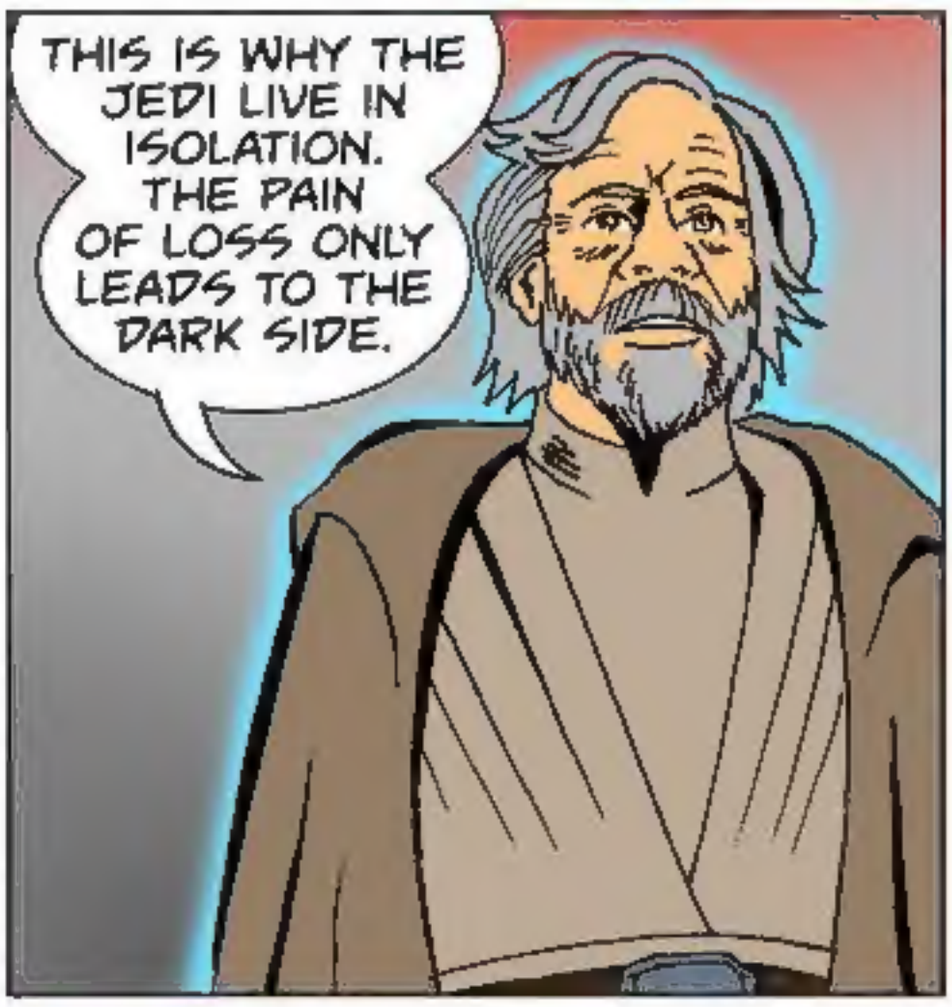
SO WILL SHE.

SHE FEELS TOO MUCH.

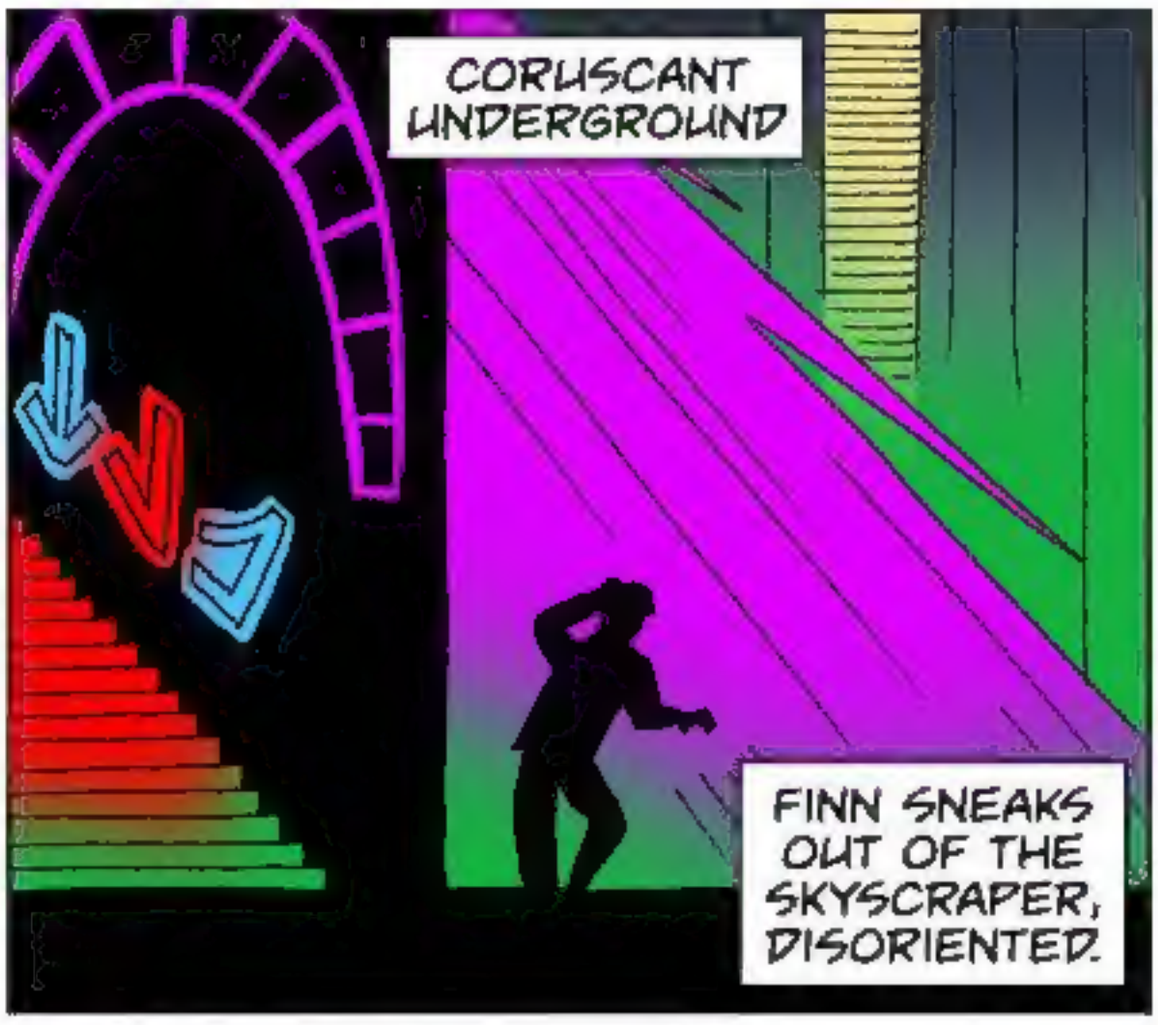
LOVE.

ANGER.

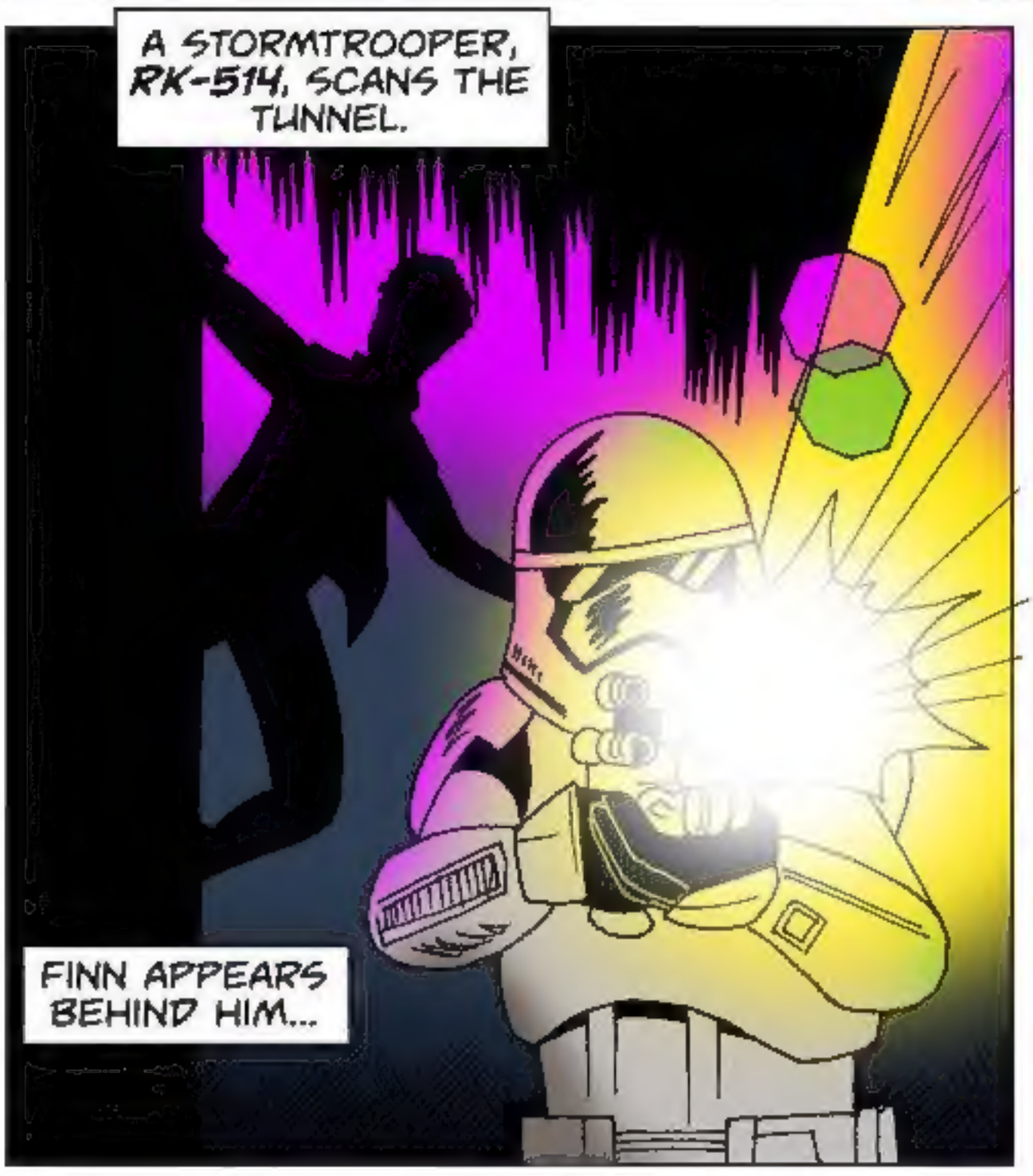
DON'T WE ALL?

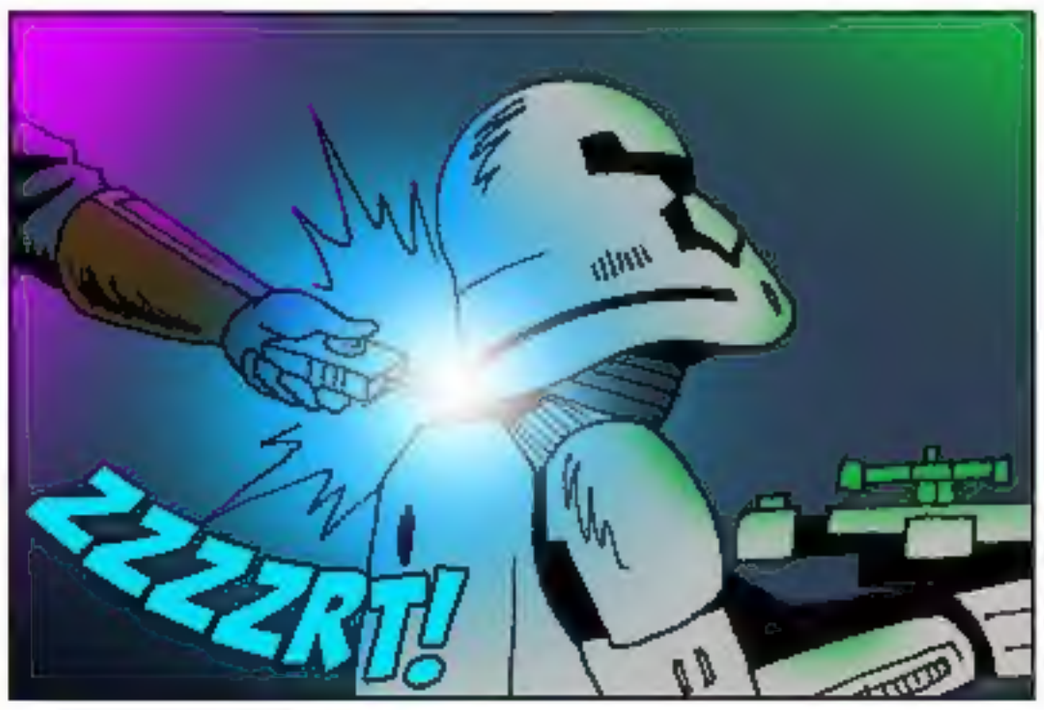

THIS IS WHY THE JEDI LIVE IN ISOLATION. THE PAIN OF LOSS ONLY LEADS TO THE DARK SIDE.

I'VE LOST EVERY-THING, AND EVERYONE.
BUT I'D STILL CHOOSE TO LOVE.
TRUST HER INSTINCTS. SHE MAY NOT FOLLOW THE PATH OF THE JEDI, BUT SHE'S OUR ONLY HOPE.


CORUSCANT UNDERGROUND
FINN SNEAKS OUT OF THE SKYSCRAPER, DISORIENTED.

VOICES ECHO.
FLASHING LIGHTS SEARCH FOR HIM.
HE DUCKS INTO SHADOW.


A STORMTROOPER, RK-514, SCANS THE TUNNEL.
FINN APPEARS BEHIND HIM...


ZZZRT!

LOOK AT ME.
TAKE OFF YOUR HELMET.

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RK-514 FOLLOWS THE ORDER.

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER? HOW FAR BACK?

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE TAKEN? REMEMBER YOUR PARENTS?

I-- I DON'T KNOW.

YEAH, YOU DO. YOU REMEMBER EVERYTHING. CONDITIONING CAMP. BLIND FIRES.

IT WAS T-TRAINING.

THAT'S WHAT THEY TELL YOU.

YOU'RE HIM. THE TRAITOR.

THAT'S RIGHT. WE'RE BROTHERS. ALL OF US.

GIVE ME YOUR COMM LINK.

IT'S NOT WHAT THEY SAID IT WOULD BE, IS IT? THE THINGS WE'RE ORDERED TO DO. IT'S NOT RIGHT. YOU HAD A NAME ONCE. DO YOU REMEMBER IT?

NO.

GET A NAME. THAT'S THE FIRST STEP.

THEN WHAT?

FIND SOMETHING TO FIGHT FOR.

FINN DROPS INTO A DARK SEWER, LEAVING RK-514 CHANGED.

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FIRST ORDER INQUISITION CHAMBER.

COMFORTABLE, ROSE?

YEAH, I HAVE ONE OF THESE AT HOME.

YOU CHANGED THE STOLEN DESTROYER'S SIGNATURE CODES SO WE COULDN'T TRACE IT.

GIVE ME THE CODES.

THEY TOLD ME TO PICK SOMETHING EASY TO REMEMBER, LIKE LIFE DAY, BUT...

ARE YOU?

ARE YOU TRYING TO USE *THE FORCE* ON ME?

YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY? VERY WELL.

BE QUIET.

OH, NO, SEE... YOU'RE NOT SPECIAL.

I MEAN, AT ALL.

WE HAVE OTHER WAYS TO EXTRACT INFORMATION.

HUX OPENS A BLAST DOOR TO REVEAL AN ELECTRIC TORTURE DEVICE.

NEW TECH, BUILT TO WORK QUICKLY.

ROSE BRACES FOR A MORE PAINFUL KIND OF DEFIANCE.

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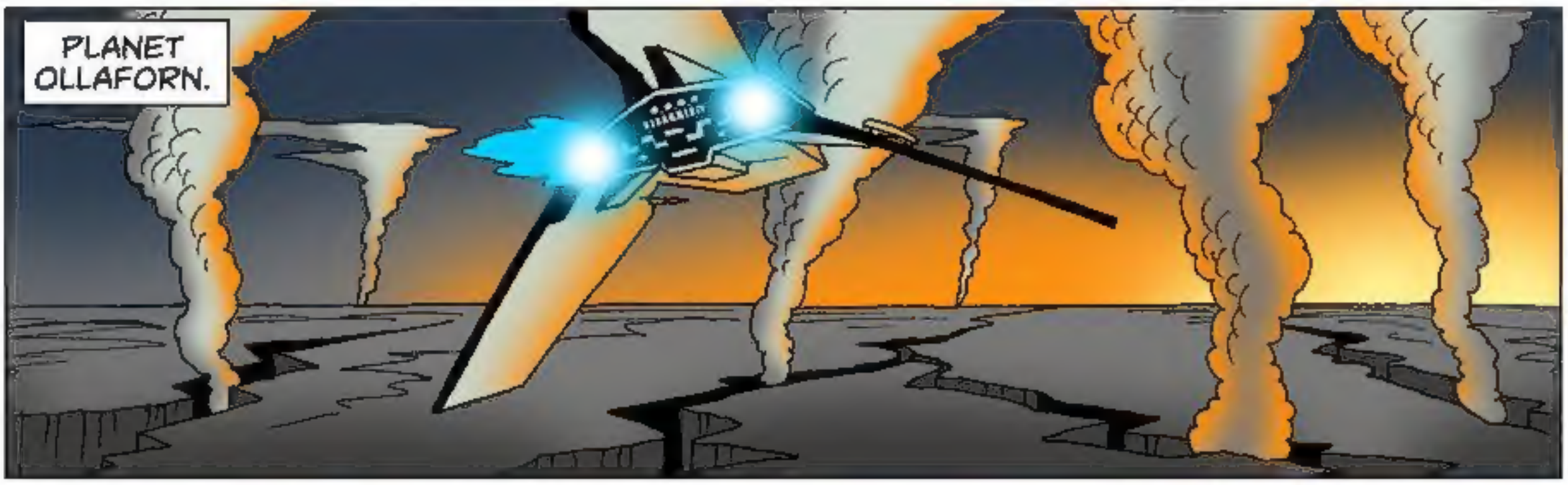
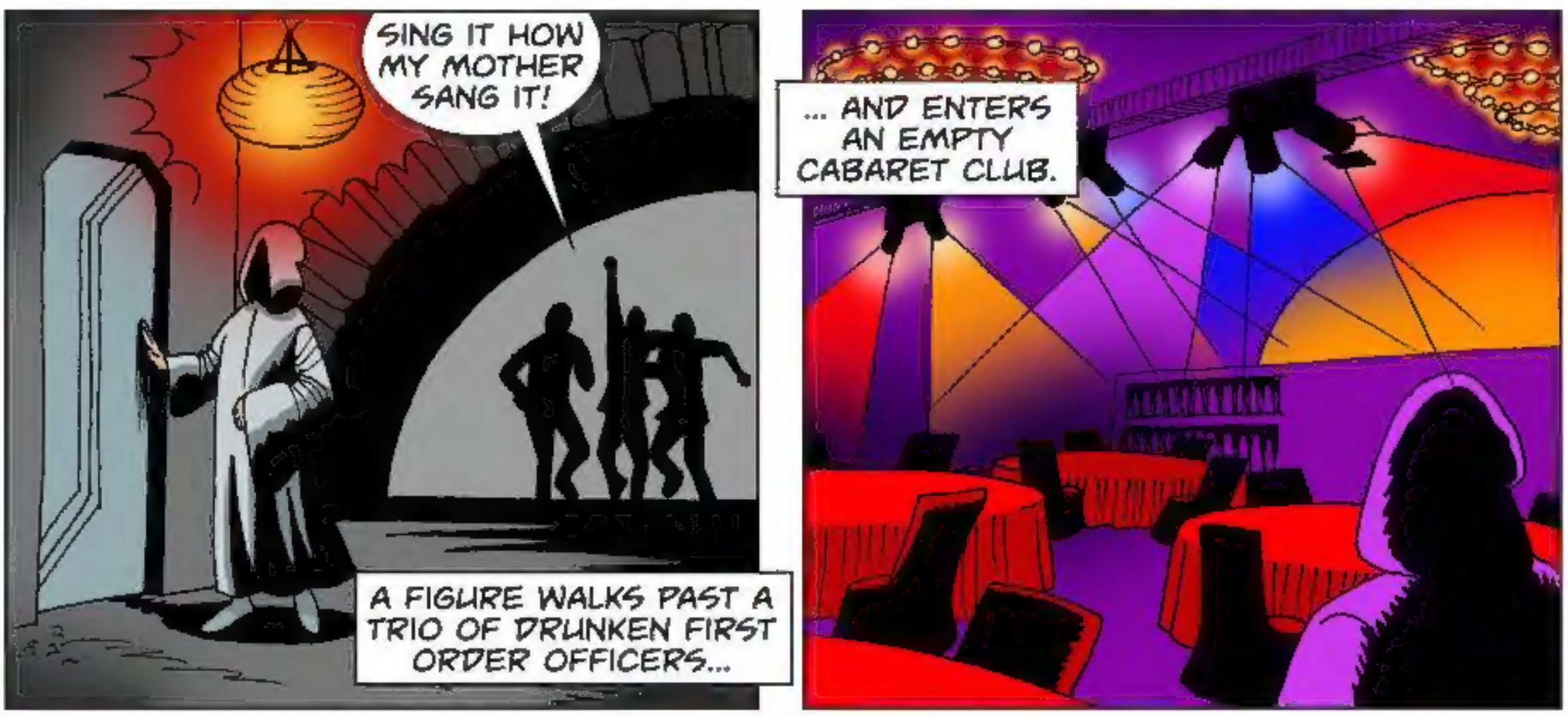




LANDO IS QUICKLY ON HIS FEET.

ALRIGHT. ALRIGHT.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

FOR YOUR SAKE OR MINE?

BOTH.

SOON...

THE CLIENTELE ARE MOSTLY FIRST ORDER, BUT WHAT CAN I DO, LEIA? THE GRIP OF THIS EMPIRE IS TIGHTER THAN THE LAST.

SMUGGLING'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.

I NEED YOUR HELP.

LEIA...

WE NEED SHIPS. PILOTS. YOU KNOW EVERY SMUGGLER IN THE GALAXY.

I PROMISED HAN I'D TAKE CARE OF YOU IF SOMETHING HAPPENED--

OH, *YOU'D* TAKE CARE OF ME?

LANDO EYES THE CABARET FLOOR WHERE TROOPERS TALK TO HIS BAND MANAGER.

I KNOW, YOU DESERVE BETTER. BUT HELPING YOUR FRIENDS CRASH INTO THE FIRST ORDER'S MACHINE ISN'T WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE.

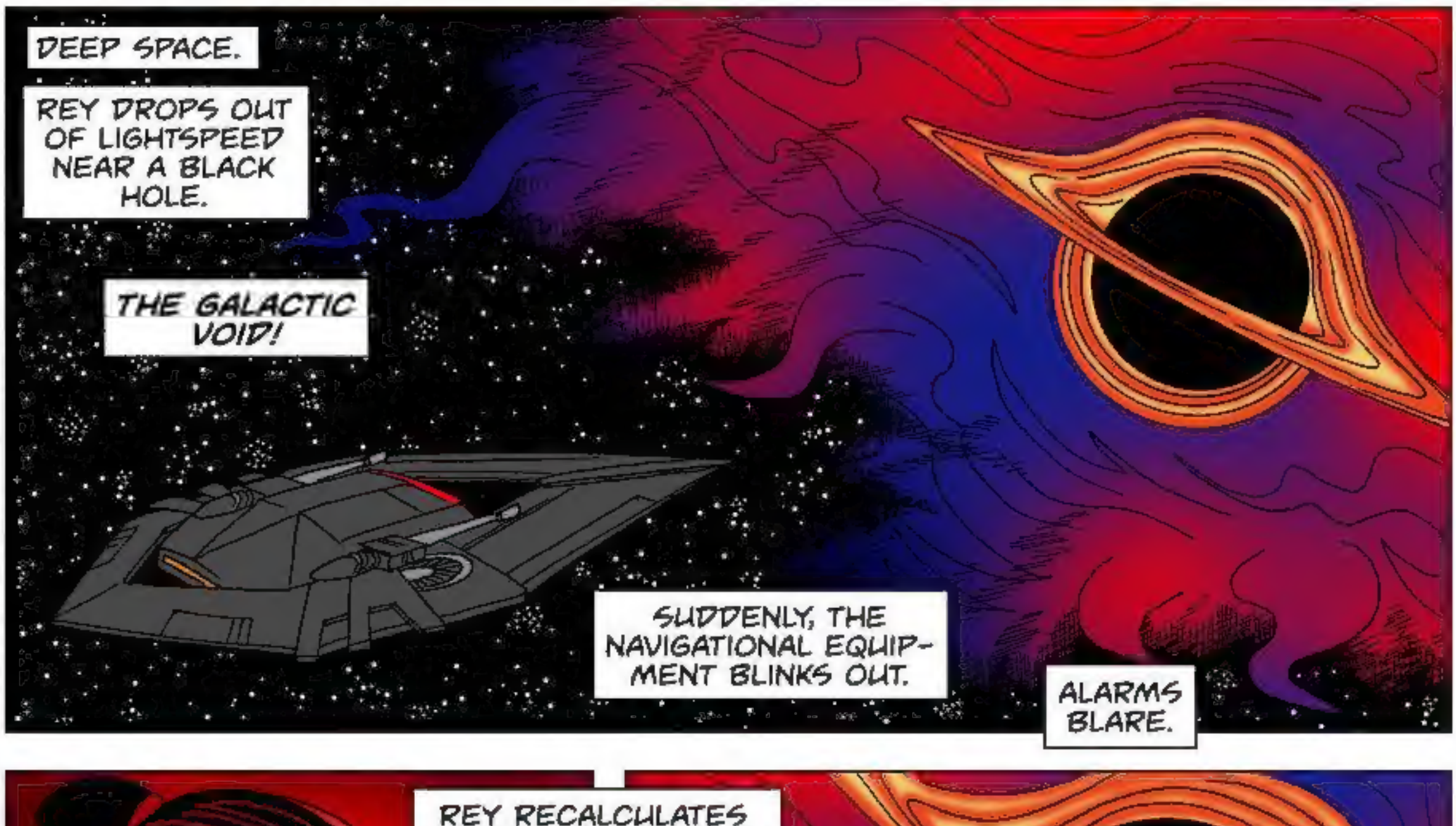
LANDO, THE GALAXY NEEDS YOU.

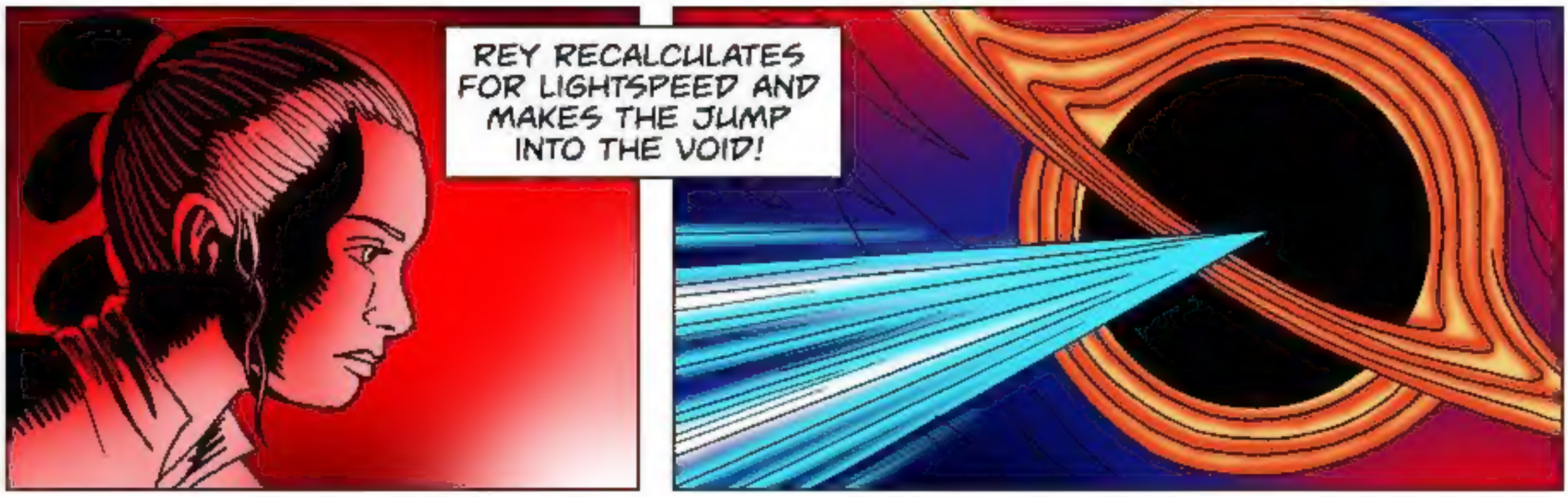
REMIND ME NEVER TO MAKE PROMISES.

LANDO AND LEIA GO TO THE DOCKING BAY.
YOU NEED TO GO, LEIA. I CAN'T PROTECT YOU HERE.
COME WITH ME. FIGHT WITH US.
WE WON A WAR ONCE ALREADY. WHAT GOOD DID IT DO?
WE PROVED IT COULD BE DONE.
I'M SORRY, LEIA.

LEIA'S SHUTTLE TAKES OFF.

REY, HELP US.


DEEP SPACE.
REY DROPS OUT OF LIGHTSPEED NEAR A BLACK HOLE.
THE GALACTIC VOID!
SUDDENLY, THE NAVIGATIONAL EQUIP-MENT BLINKS OUT.
ALARMS BLARE.


REY RECALCULATES FOR LIGHTSPEED AND MAKES THE JUMP INTO THE VOID!

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THE STARS STREAK INTO INFINITE LINES...

... THEN TWIST AND BEND AS SHE PASSES THROUGH THE BLACK HOLE.

REY'S FACE BECOMES AN ECHO OF ITSELF, LIKE THE MIRROR CAVE ON AHCH-TO.

SHE SEES NEARLY-SUBLIMINAL FLASHBACKS...

SUDDENLY, IT ALL STOPS.

THERE IS A PLANET AHEAD.

NO STARS ARE VISIBLE AROUND IT, ONLY DEEP BLACK.

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SUDDENLY, THE POWER GOES OUT ENTIRELY.

THE KNIFE 9 GOES INTO FREEFALL!

IT SKIMS OVER TREETOPS...

...AND CRASH-LANDS IN A RIVER.

BOOM!

REY PRIES HERSELF FROM THE WRECKAGE AND WADES TO LAND.

SHE LOOKS BACK AT THE SMOKING SHIP.

NO TURNING BACK.

SHE HIKES INTO THE FOREST, SUMMER TURNING INTO FALL AT AN ACCELERATED PACE AROUND HER.

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THE TREES CLEAR TO A TOWERING MOUNTAIN AHEAD...

A TEMPLE AT ITS SUMMIT.

SHE JOURNEYS ON.

MORTIS

EASTERN PLATEAU

KYLO'S T.I.E. SILENCER LANDS IN A SNOWY CLEARING.

A WHISPER ON THE WIND SWIRLS AROUND HIM.

THE FORCE IS STRONG HERE.

HE JOURNEYS ON.

CORUSCANT, IMPERIAL BOULEVARD. DAWN.

EMPTY.

SILENT.

BEEP.

I AGREE, R2. WE MAY NOT SURVIVE THIS.

R2 AND 3PO EMERGE FROM AN ABANDONED BUILDING.

THIS ISN'T THE CORUSCANT I REMEMBER.

A BATTALION OF FIRST ORDER TRANSPORTS DESCEND.

THEY RELEASE ***BRUTETROOPERS***, MERCENARY ENFORCERS IN CHROME ARMOR REMINISCENT OF PHASMA.

THEY MAKE STORMTROOPERS LOOK LIKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.

TENEMENT BLOCK.

BEEEEK NAAT!

THE BRUTETROOPERS FORCE FAMILIES FROM THEIR HOMES.

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THEY PUSH CITIZENS INTO PRISON CRAFTS.

CHILDREN ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS...

HERDED INTO TRANSPORTS EN ROUTE TO THE CONDI-TIONING CAMPS.

STORMTROOPERS LOOK ON, DISTURBED BY THE VIOLENCE.

!!

I CAN'T WATCH.

HOW HORRIBLE!

WE'LL NEVER FIND MASTER FINN NOW.

WOOO...

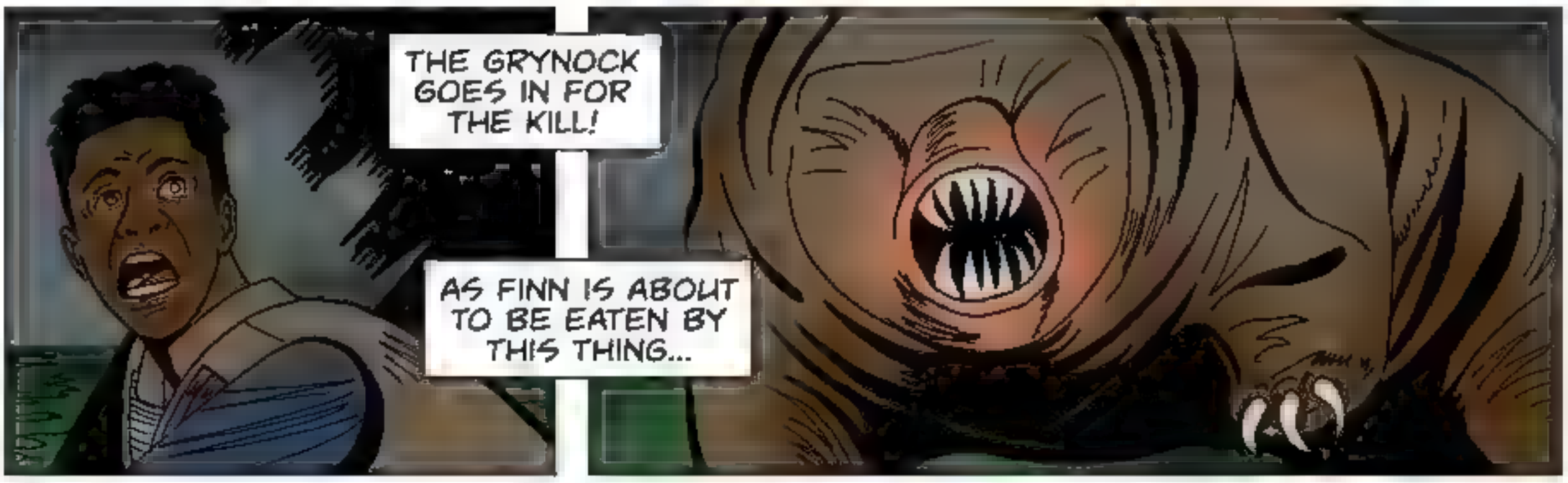
CORUSCANT SEWERS.

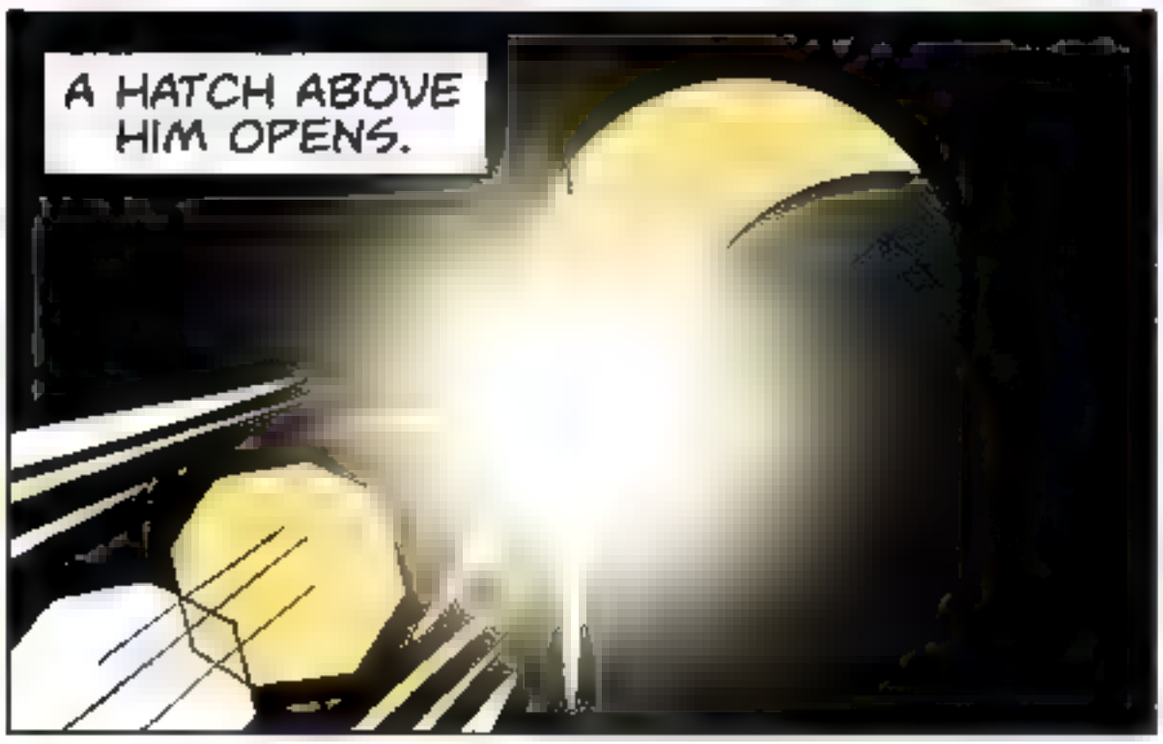
FINN JETS OUT OF A CHUTE INTO A GELATIN-OUS SEWER CAKE OF REPULSIVE CONTENTS.

FINN TRIES TO DISLODGE HIMSELF FROM THE GEL.

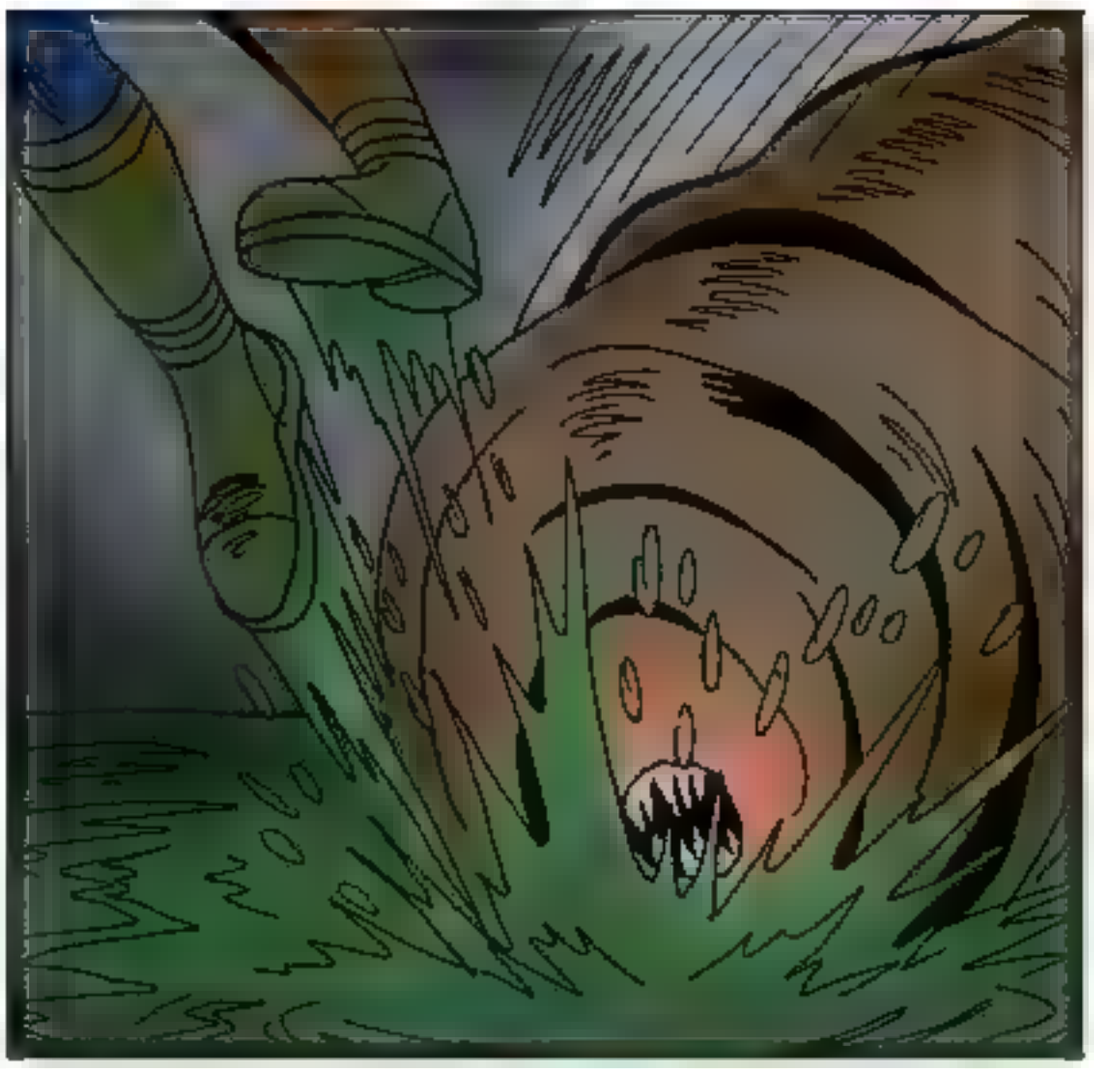
AS A NEARBY GRYNOCK LARVA FEEDS ON THE GEL, IT SUDDENLY NOTICES FINN!

IT CLOESES IN. THIS IS THE WORST OF BAD NIGHTMARES.


THE GRYNOCK GOES IN FOR THE KILL!
AS FINN IS ABOUT TO BE EATEN BY THIS THING...

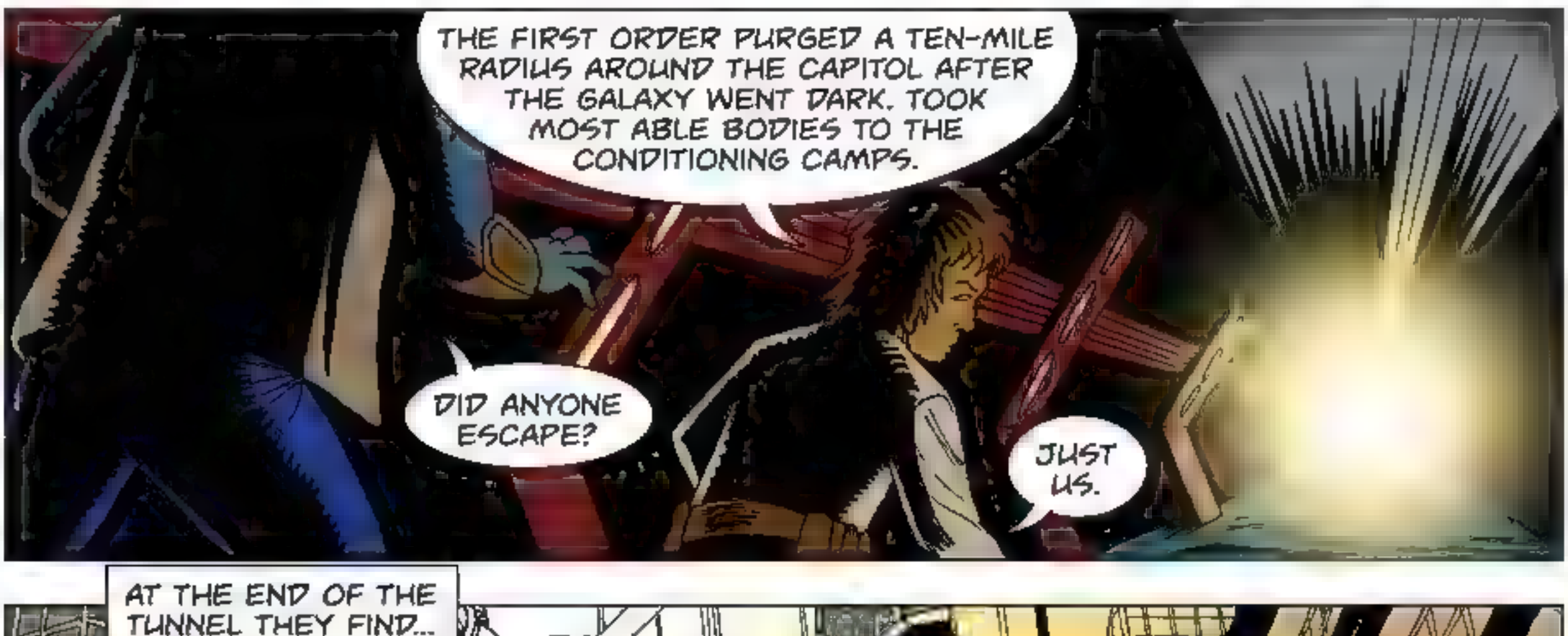

A HATCH ABOVE HIM OPENS.

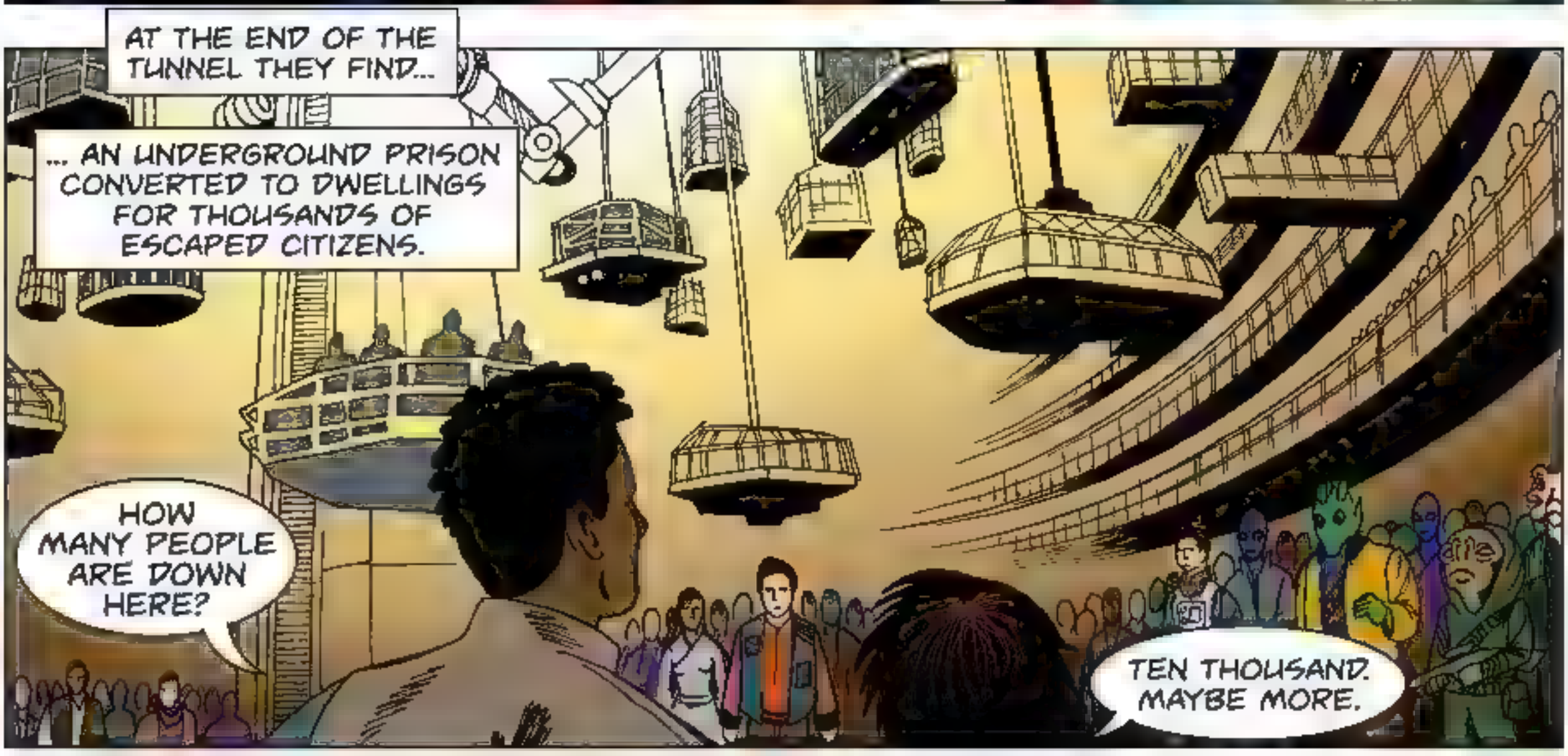
GIVE ME YOUR HAND!



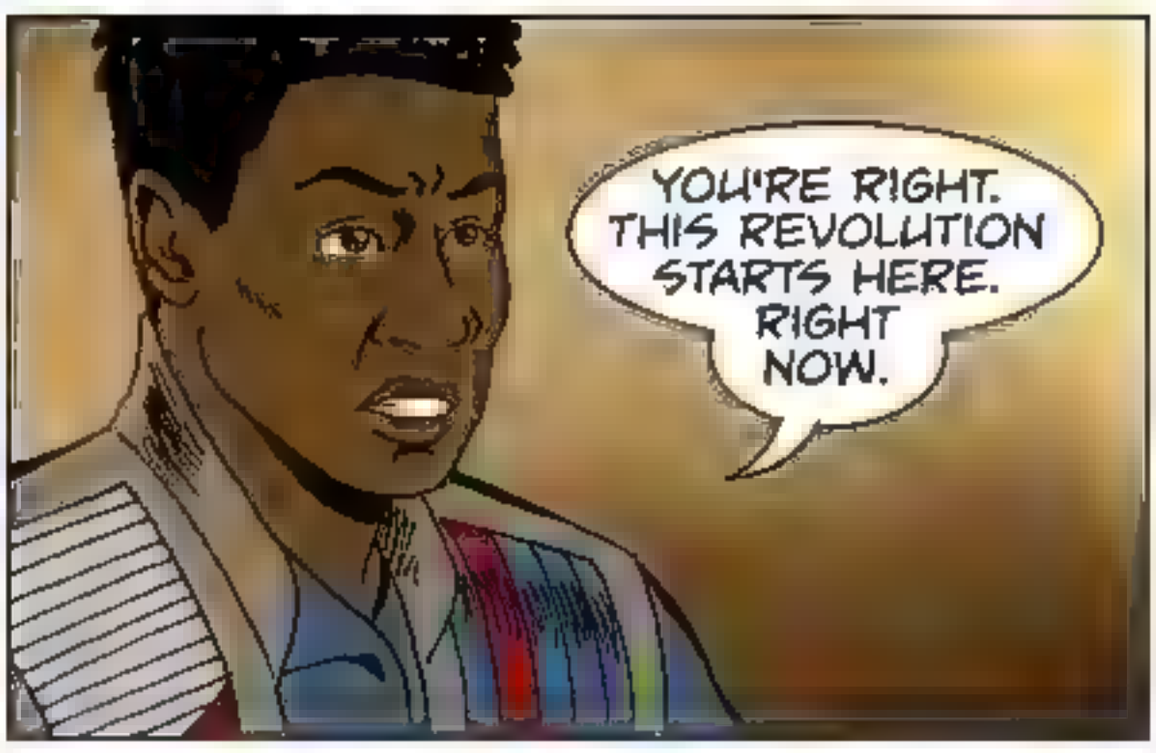
THAT WAS SO MANY DISGUSTING THINGS.
ALL AT ONCE.
I'VE SEEN WORSE.
I'M DADE.

JUST ONE NAME?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT, FINN?
YOU KNOW ME.
WE?
WE'VE BEEN TRACKING YOU SINCE YOU LANDED.
COME ON. TRUST ME.


THE FIRST ORDER PURGED A TEN-MILE RADIUS AROUND THE CAPITOL AFTER THE GALAXY WENT DARK. TOOK MOST ABLE BODIES TO THE CONDITIONING CAMPS.
DID ANYONE ESCAPE?
JUST US.


AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL THEY FIND...
... AN UNDERGROUND PRISON CONVERTED TO DWELLINGS FOR THOUSANDS OF ESCAPED CITIZENS.
HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE DOWN HERE?
TEN THOUSAND. MAYBE MORE.

YOU HAVE WEAPONS?
WHOLE CITY'S GOT WEAPONS. THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE AFRAID OF.
A MILLION OF US RISE UP, THE FIRST ORDER'S FINISHED.


YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS REVOLUTION STARTS HERE. RIGHT NOW.

SURE.
ALL WE NEED IS AN ARMY.

WE HAVE ONE.

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THE UNDERGROUND PRISON TOWER:

FINN LOOKS OUT AT THE DOWN-TRODDEN FACES.

HE FIRES UP THE COMM SYSTEM.

MY NAME IS FINN.

I BRING A MESSAGE FROM THE RESIS-TANCE.

THE FIRST ORDER RULES BY FEAR. THEY BUILD SHIPS TO INTIMIDATE US. WEAR MASKS TO FRIGHTEN US.

BUT THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE SCARED.

THIS IS *NOT* THE TIME TO HIDE UNDERGROUND. IF WE TAKE THE CAPITOL, THE GALAXY *WILL* JOIN US!

TOGETHER WE CAN STRIKE BACK!

TOGETHER WE CAN *RESIST!*

FINN STANDS TALL. FROM TRAITOR TO DESERTER TO REVOLUTIONARY LEADER, *HIS JOURNEY HAS LED TO THIS.*

MORTIS, WESTERN CLIFFS.

REY REACHES A PLATEAU TO FIND STATUES OF ROBED ANCIENTS.

NOT JEDI.

A STORM OF SNOWDUST OBSCURES HER VISION.

VOICES ECHO...

SUDDENLY, SHE'S BACK IN THE BRIGHT, WARM SANDS OF THE JAKKU DESERT.

WIND SWEEPS OVER THE DUNES.

COME BACK!

NO! WE CAN'T! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

REY SEES THE MOMENT HER PARENTS ABANDONED HER.

I PROMISE WE'LL COME BACK.

REY, STAY HERE!

WAIT FOR US!

UNDERSTAND?

COME BACK!

A SANDSTORM KICKS UP, OBSCURING THE SCENE.

IT TURNS FROM YELLOW SAND TO WHITE SNOW.

THEY WERE AFRAID. WHY WERE THEY AFRAID?

NO RE-SPONSE.

ONLY WIND.

LUKE, TELL ME!

WHY WERE THEY AFRAID?

HE DOESN'T ANSWER.

SHE GROWS FURIOUS.

RRAAAHH!!

SHE LASHES OUT...

VRUNN!!

... CUTTING AN ANCIENT STATUE IN HALF.

SHE LOOKS UP AT THE TEMPLE ABOVE.

AS KYLO WALKS THROUGH THE EASTERN FOREST...

... HE SEES SOMETHING AHEAD IN THE WOODS.

A YOUNGER BEN SOLO APPROACHES A HOUSE.

HAN STANDS IN THE DOORWAY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BEN?

THAT'S *NOT* MY NAME ANYMORE.

YOUR MOTHER CAN'T SEE YOU HERE DRESSED LIKE THAT.

I'M NOT COMING BACK. THERE'S A GREATER DESTINY FOR ME.

THEY'RE LIES, SON.

EMPTY PROMISES.

YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED RIGHT HERE.

WHAT, *YOU*? HER?

MY MASTER SAYS I HAVE UNEQUALED POWER.

NEITHER OF YOU UNDERSTAND.

YOUR MOTHER UNDERSTANDS MORE THAN ANYONE.

SHE SENT ME AWAY.

TO LEARN.

TO GROW.

I *HAVE* GROWN.

YOUR MOTHER LOVES YOU.

SHE'S *AFRAID* OF ME.

GIVE ME THE LIGHTSABER, SON.

YOU KNOW I CAN'T.

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THE FORCE-INDUCED VISION SHIFTS TO STARKILLER BASE.

KYLO WATCHES AS HE STABS HIS FATHER...

HAN'S EYES ARE FULL OF LOVE EVEN AS HIS LIFE DRAINS AWAY.

BACK IN MORTIS' SNOWY FOREST...

KYLO IS LEFT, SHAKEN AND ALONE.

ON CORUSCANT, A TOWERING *AT-MT* WALKER FINDS A CHARRED FIRST ORDER TANK.

THE *PEOPLE'S RESISTANCE FIGHTERS* FIRE GRAPPLING GUNS.

ONE FIGHTER CUTS THROUGH THE HATCH WITH A VIBRASAW!

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FINN TOSSES A SHOCK DETONATOR INSIDE.

BAMF!

FINN AND SIX-EYES TAKE THE HELM.

LOAD UP!

SIDE PANELS OF THE WALKER OPEN, ALLOWING RESISTANCE FIGHTERS INSIDE.

A PAIR OF TIES FLY AROUND THE CORNER TO SQUARE OFF WITH THE AT-MT...

... WHICH BLASTS THEM OUT OF THE SKY.

CAPITOL INTERROGATION CHAMBER.

CHANCELLOR, THERE'S BEEN AN INSURRECTION!

WORD HAS SPREAD TO OTHER DISTRICTS.

DECIMATE THEM.

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SIR... THE LEADER IS A FORMER FN-UNIT.

HE WAS AIDED BY A REGIMENT OF OUR OWN.

IMPOSSIBLE.

WE'RE DISPATCHING ADDITIONAL UNITS TO ADDRESS THE REVOLT.

NO. NO.

RECALL THE FN-UNITS FROM DUTY.

SIR?

IF THERE'S A FLAW IN THEIR PROGRAMMING, WE *MUST* CORRECT IT.

DEPLOY MORE BRUTE-TROOPERS.

THOSE MERCENARIES ARE UNDISCIPLINED AND EXPENSIVE.

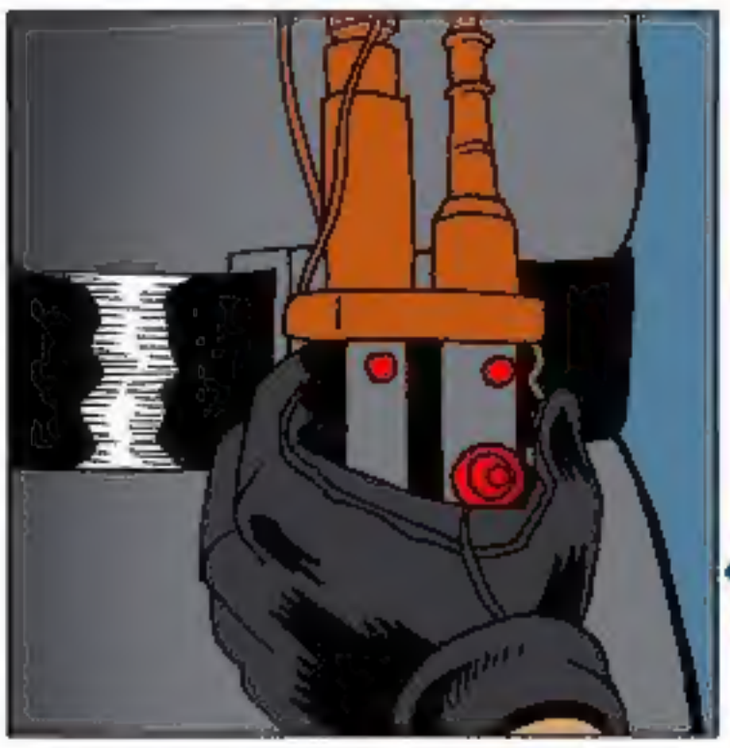
PERHAPS MONEY IS ALL THAT INSPIRES LOYALTY ANYMORE.

DO IT.

TRANSFER HER TO CELL BLOCK 6, MAXIMUM SECURITY.

TWO OFFICERS ENTER IN A HURRY, RELEASE HER FROM THE RACK, AND DRAG HER TOWARDS THE DOOR.

AS THEY MOVE, ROSE EYES THE ELECTRIC TASER ON THE OFFICER'S BELTS.



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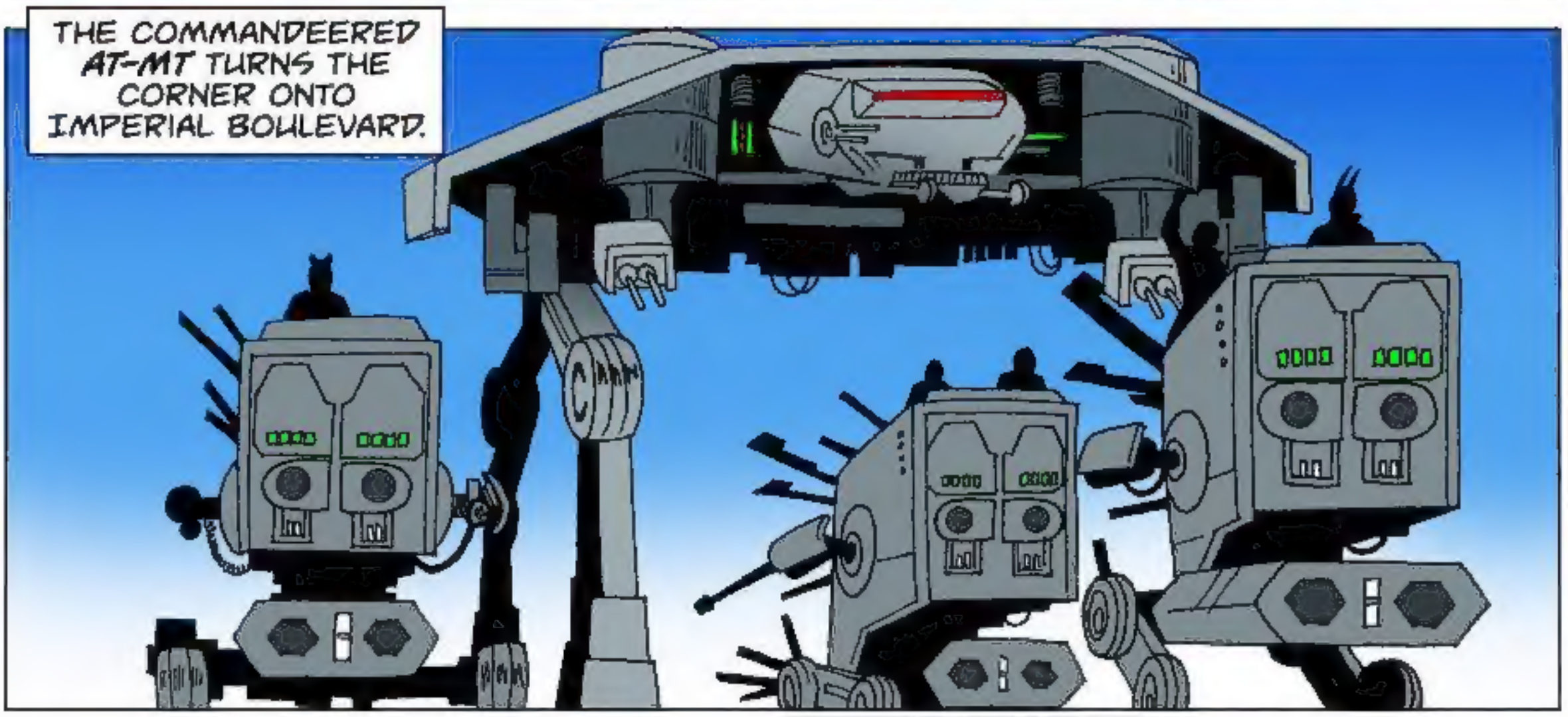
ZAP!

SO LONG, BOYS!


THE COMMANDEERED AT-MT TURNS THE CORNER ONTO IMPERIAL BOULEVARD.

INSIDE, FINN STOKES REVOLT VIA LOUDSPEAKER.
WE WILL NO LONGER LIVE IN SILENCE!
GATHER YOUR WEAPONS.
RISE UP!
STRIKE BACK!
TO BE CONTINUED...